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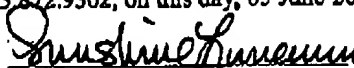
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Sir:

Claims 31-62 are pending in the above-identified patent application.

By the Office Action dated 03 March 2003:

Claims 31-32, 34, 47-48, 51, 59, and 61-62 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Nelson (U.S. Patent No. 4,833,730) for the reasons set forth in Paragraph 7 of the Office Action.

Claims 31-34 and 47-50 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Morrow (U.S. Patent No. 6,165,147) for the reasons set forth in Paragraph 8 of the Office Action.

Claims 35-37, 41, 51-53, and 62 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view of Richards (U.S. Patent No. 5,207,635) for the reasons set forth in Paragraph 10 of the Office Action.

Claims 38-40, 45-46, 54-56, and 61 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view of Richards as applied to claims 37, 51, and 53 and further in view of Modglin (U.S. Patent No. 5,620,412) for the reasons set forth in Paragraph 11 of the Office Action.

Claims 41-42 and 57-58 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view of Richards as applied to claims 35 and 51 and further in view of Velazquez (U.S. Patent No. 3,771,513) for the reasons set forth in Paragraph 12 of the Office Action.

In addition, claims 31-46 and 51-62 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention for the reasons set forth in Paragraphs 3-5 of the Office Action.